

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

A. Generally

Claims 13-19 remain in this Application. Claims 1-11 were previously canceled. Claim 12 is canceled by these amendments.

B. Double Patenting

Claim 12 was rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,678,778 B2. Claim 12 has been canceled. Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 13-19 are patentably distinct from the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,678,778 B2. For these reasons, Applicant respectfully requests that the double patenting rejection be withdrawn.

C. Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the current rejection of the claims now pending in this application in view of the above amendments, remarks and arguments. Should any further questions arise concerning this application or in the event the above amendments do not place the application in condition for allowance, applicant respectfully requests a telephone interview. Attorney for the applicant may be reached at the number listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,

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